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Survey of Differently Abled Persons
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Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the latest survey conducted by the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) on differently abled persons did not cover various districts of different States;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to cover all the areas/districts across the country for the surveys; and

(d) the manner in which the findings of the survey are helpful in evolving strategies and policy interventions for the welfare of differently abled persons?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION, MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS [GENERAL (Dr.) V.K. SINGH (Retd.)]

(a) and (b): Latest survey on differently abled persons was conducted by National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) during its 58th round (July, 2002 − December, 2002). The survey covered all districts of different states/UTs of the country except (i) Leh and Kargil districts of Jammu & Kashmir (ii) interior villages of Nagaland located beyond 5 kms. from bus routes and (iii) villages in Andaman and Nicobar Islands which were inaccessible throughout the year.

(c): With effect from NSS 69th round of survey (July, 2012 - December, 2012), coverage of the NSS surveys has been extended to cover whole of Indian union, without exclusion of any district. However, a few villages of Andaman & Nicobar Islands which are extremely inaccessible or having some administrative restriction are excluded from the coverage.

(d): The data on differently abled persons is helpful for the Government to frame schemes/programmes to cater to the needs of various categories of differently abled persons for their rehabilitation and empowerment.

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